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OPTIONS FOR ANIMAL DISPOSAL

The following options are available for disposal of deceased animals:

- Onsite burial
- Cremation/ Cemeteries
- Landfills
- Private companies

On site burial

If on site burial is used, each animal should be buried in a separate pit. Trench burial is permitted if necessary due to large numbers of dead livestock or wildlife. Animals must be buried deep enough to cover the top of the carcass with 3 feet of compacted soil, earth or ground to prevent invasion by other animals. Animals must be buried far enough from standing, flowing or ground water to prevent contamination and in an area not likely to be disturbed in the near future. Burial site should be on a minimum of 5 acres to allow for proper setback and other restrictions.

Minimum setbacks for burial include at least 100 feet from any standing or flowing water including streams, creeks, lakes, ponds, wells, and springs to prevent water contamination; at least 10 feet above the historical high ground water level to prevent contamination; and at least 5 feet from embankments, property lines, and structures other than homes.

Cremation/Cemeteries

AA Sorrento Valley at (619) 276-3361

Circle of Life Pet Crematorium (in Hemet) at (800) 791-0906

Peaceful Paws Pet Cremation & Memorials (in Encinitas) at 951-245-9154

San Diego Pet Memorial (in San Diego) at (858) 909-0009

Landfills that accept deceased animals

Miramar Landfill at (858) 492-6100

Sycamore Landfill (in Santee) at (619) 449-4053

Otay Landfill at (619) 421-3773

Private Companies

D&D Disposal at 888-299-9905

Dead Animal Removal services at 619-390-8204